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FOR ECA/PE/V/R/N- COLLEEN H. FLEMING; ERICKA V. DIGGINS; AND  
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E.O. 12958: N/A  
TAGS: SCUL KPAQ OECV OEXC  
SUBJECT: FY-04 IV PROGRAM: SINGLE COUNTRY GROUP PROJECT ON  
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS - SIXTH NOMINEE'S DETAIL BIO DATA

REF: Colombo 0881; 1097

11. Post submits detail bio data of Mr. Susantha N. Balapatabendi,  
the sixth nominee for the subject group project. Post confirms  
that this nomination has "full country team approval."

START FIXED-FORMAT TEXT (PLEASE DO NOT EDIT):  
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POST-PROJ-ID: 134  
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Rights - August 23-September 11, 2004  
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This nomination is in support of MPP goals on "Open Markets" and  
the mission strategy to urge the GSL to enforce vigorously newly  
enacted IPR legislation  
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NOTIFY-EMB: Yes  
MEDIA?: No  
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VIS-AMOUNT: 0  
VIS-CAT: 5  
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START BIO:  
PREFIX: Mr.  
F-NAME: SUSANTHA  
M-NAME: NANDADEVA  
L-NAME: BALAPATABENDI  
SUFFIX:  
POSITION-CODE: 321  
PRINCIPAL?: Yes  
GENDER: M  
DOB: 09/11/1965  
MAR-STAT: M  
BIRTH-CITY: Kandy  
BIRTH-CNTRY: Sri Lanka  
CITIZ-CNTRY: Sri Lanka  
RES-CNTRY: Sri Lanka  
START MEMO POSITION:  
State Counsel, Attorney General's Department, 1993 to date  
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None  
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India, 2003  
United Kingdom 1998-1999  
Thailand, 1998  
Malaysia, 1998  
END MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:  
START MEMO EDUCATION:  
Associated Member Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, UK - area of study - LAW OF ARBITRATION  
Master of Laws (LLM) Queen Mary College, University of London  
Attorney at Law, Supreme Court of Sri Lanka  
END MEMO EDUCATION:  
START MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:  
Life member - Bar Association of Sri Lanka  
Associate Fellow - Society of Advance Legal Studies, United Kingdom  
Associate Member - Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, United Kingdom  
Member, Alumni Association - International Development Law Organization  
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NOMINATING-OFFICER: Ms. Angela Gemza  
START MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:  
Mr. Balapatabendi is a state counsel in the Sri Lankan Attorney General Department. He handles IP related cases for and on behalf of the Government. Mr. Balapatabendi was a member of the Intellectual Property Advisory Commission which initiated the new Property Act in conformity with TRIPS Agreement. He is currently a member of the IP Core Group in the Attorney General's Department and is active in enforcing IP Rights in Sri Lanka. Exposing Mr. Balapatabendi to American intellectual property rights protection systems will assist in the advancement of IP enforcement in Sri Lanka, a critical MPP priority.  
Post confirms that Mr. Balapatabendi has "Full Country Team " approval.  
END MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:  
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OTHER-AMOUNT: 0  
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**12.** Please advise acceptance of this nomination.

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